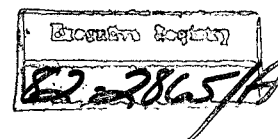


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Mr. William Von Raab
The Commissioner of Customs
Department of Treasury
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Von Raab:

Thank you for your letter of 5 April 1982 summarizing what the Customs Service is doing to stop the flow of high-technology exports to the Eastern Bloc. We know from firsthand experience that the Customs Service's efforts to stop the loss of US technology to the Eastern Bloc are becoming increasingly effective, both in the United States and abroad. The work of your Customs Agents in Europe, particularly Germany, have been admirable, and their assistance to CIA stations has been mutually beneficial. The results of your new Operation EXODUS are extremely impressive. This program in and of itself can, in our estimation, stop a large share of the third-country diversion losses of US technology that we have been seeing over the last several years. It is a commendable effort.

The Intelligence Community is only beginning to receive the benefit of the closer working relationship with your fine organization. I encourage this cooperative effort and have recently said so to Secretary Regan during a lunch that we had together here at CIA Headquarters. Again, thank you very much for the status report of your efforts, and please keep me informed regarding any assistance that we might provide.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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Letter to Mr. William Von Raab

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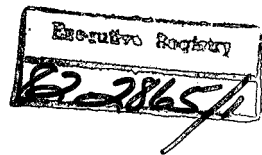
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Letter to Mr. William Von Raab

Attached is a proposed response to a recent letter from Mr. William Von Raab, the Commissioner of Customs. Mr. Von Raab has provided an interesting status report on Operation EXODUS, a high priority Customs program involving intelligence, inspectional and investigative activities to help staunch the flow of high technology exports to the Eastern Bloc.

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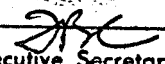
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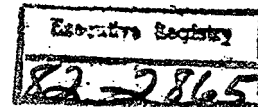
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THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Casey:

Attached for your information is a summary of what the Customs Service is doing to stop the flow of high technology exports to the Eastern Bloc. As you can see, we are quite active in this field and reasonably successful. I thought you might be interested in this.

Give me a call if I can be of future assistance.

Yours faithfully,

The Honorable
William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

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Commissioner of Customs
Deputy Commissioner of Customs

Assistant Commissioner (signed) George G. Corcoran, Jr.
Office of Border Operations

Operation EXODUS Status Report

Since we are now midway through the fiscal year, this is an appropriate time to review the status of our major operating programs. This report concerns Operation EXODUS, one of Customs top priority programs for this year. Although conceived primarily as an inspectional program, over the past few months Operation EXODUS has developed into a comprehensive multi-faceted program successfully incorporating interdependent intelligence, inspectional and investigative activities. For the purpose of clarity, each of these activities will be addressed separately below.

INSPECTIONS

At Headquarters, an EXODUS Command Center has been established to coordinate field inspectional activities, to provide information to EXODUS teams relative to export licensing requirements and to track detentions and seizures. In addition, to facilitate matters further, two Special Agents and two Import Specialists have been detailed to the Department of Commerce to assist in responding to inquiries from the field. As a result of these efforts, the response time of the Department of Commerce in determining whether a shipment should be seized has been reduced from a pre-EXODUS average of approximately 15-days to a current average of approximately 2-days.

Activities in the field have also progressed well. Substantial export programs are underway not only at all twelve designated EXODUS ports but also at Buffalo, Baltimore, New Orleans, Seattle and Minneapolis. Throughout the nation, Customs has made 182 export seizures valued in excess of \$13,000,000 this fiscal year.

Among the most significant seizures to date was laser weapons targeting equipment valued at \$337,000, and being exported by Northrop Electro Mechanical Division, Los Angeles, California, to Ferranti Ltd., Edinburg, Scotland. Another significant seizure was electronic satellite equipment valued at \$400,000 and being shipped by TRW Defense and Space Group to Aeg-Telefunken, Backnang, Germany. Both of these seizures are being investigated in an effort to determine the intended destination and use for the equipment involved. It should be noted that since the

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